

## **Proposed Special Education Endorsements Summary**

**Special Education** / Initial Certification / Subject endorsement, K-6 or 7-12 will require a minimum of 42 semester hours with a minimum of 30 of those hours in special education; OR Field endorsement, K-12 will require a minimum of 51 semester hours, with a minimum of 30 of those hours in special education. (Replaces the current Special Education: Mild/Moderate Disabilities endorsement which requires a minimum of 22 semester hours in special education.)

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing** / Subject Endorsement – minimum of 36 semester hours required (12 semester hours in general special education and 24 semester hours in education of students with hearing impairment and communication disorders) + another teaching endorsement in EEd, Special Education, Early Childhood Inclusive, Mathematics 6-12, English 6-12, Science 7-12, or Social Science 7-12 (core academics); DHH Field endorsement will be eliminated.

**Visual Impairment** / Subject Endorsement – minimum of 36 semester hours required (including 6 semester hours in special education, 24 semester hours in education of students with visual impairment, 3 semester hours field experience) + another teaching endorsement.

**Early Childhood Special Education (B through K)** / Subject Endorsement – minimum of 30 graduate semester hours required—12 graduate semester hours in ECE and 18 graduate semester hours in ECSE + 100 clock hours of related field experience (Currently one online graduate program in NE)

**Assistive Technology** / New Subject Endorsement— minimum of 27 semester hours in assistive technology (Currently one program in NE)

*Once the Special Education endorsed teacher is employed, it is anticipated more training in one or more areas of special education will be needed/desired, so could add one or more special education supplemental endorsements in a “specialty area”. A supplemental endorsement will not be required for continuing certification, as was first suggested. An attempt has been made to move away from calling endorsements by disability category. Supplemental endorsements do not stand alone—the candidate must hold (or earn concurrently) a regular subject or field teaching endorsement.*

### **Proposed Supplemental Endorsements: (must be attached to a subject or field endorsement—do not stand alone)**

**Behavior Intervention Specialist** – Birth-21; minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in behavior intervention required (Special Education endorsement required)

**Functional Academics/Ind. Living Specialist** (DD) / New name needed— minimum of 18 graduate semester hours required (Special Education endorsement required)

**Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist** – PK (or age 3)-21 (do not need B-age 3); minimum of 18 graduate semester hours required (Special Education endorsement required)

**Secondary Transition Specialist** – Grade 7-12, minimum of 18 graduate semester hours required

**Early Intervention Specialist** – Birth to Kindergarten (Currently in development – will require a minimum of 18 semester hours + field experience in early childhood special education; Special Education endorsement required)

### **Proposed Administrative Endorsement:**

**Special Education Supervisor** – Minimum of 36 graduate semester hours; candidate must have or qualify for a teaching certificate with a special education endorsement and have two years teaching experience.

Candidate would be qualified for a Special Education Administrator position upon completion of all requirements. (Rule 24 currently includes Curriculum Supervisor, SPED emphasis available)

### **Proposed Special Services Endorsements:**

**Audiologist** (will be similar to School Nurse / DHHS licensure)

**Orientation and Mobility Specialist** (new – currently in development)